



**Semiquincentennial Committee
(Menotomy 250)
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Conducted by Remote Participation

Committee Members in Attendance

Paul Fennelly, Michael Ruderman, Beth Locke, Stewart Ikeda, , Jacob Schiller, Bob Tosi, Jr., Angela Olszewski

1. Call to Order

Angela called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Welcome Committee Members, Volunteers, and Guests

There were no new committee members or guests

3. Approval of Minutes

As the minutes of the last meeting were not yet available, Stewart made a motion, seconded by Paul, to table approval of the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Committee Organization/Regional Cooperation

a. State Level 250 Commission Update

Paul reported that the commission has not met since our last meeting. Its next meeting is scheduled for July 11th.

b. Status on open Menotomy 250 seats

There was no update.

c. Regional Cooperation Update/ Request for Funds to Support Regional Marketing/Event Coordination Resource

d. The committee discussed the need to respond to the draft RFP. Members should review the draft and provide comments on the three main asks: transportation infrastructure, marketing & promotion, and events coordination and input regarding our celebration goals and strategies. These should be sent to Jacob and Angela, who will assemble the comments and send to Stewart for additional review. Beth will reach out to Arlington's DPCD to gather economic benchmarks and statistics.

5. Plans for Patriots Day Weekend – 2024 and 2025

Jacob reported that the reenactor community is planning on the Battle of Menotomy reenactment to be held on Sunday of Patriots Day weekend. Bob Bowes contacted the town regarding the parade. Angela forwarded his email exchange to the committee as Bob was unable to attend the meeting. Michael made a suggestion that we might want to have a field day instead of a parade. Angela and Jacob will put together some options and timing for Patriots Day weekend for the committee to discuss at the next meeting.

6. Discussion of Funding/Budget/Expenditures

a. Finance/Funding Working Group

Angela spoke briefly with George Parsons about convening the working group. She will gather the names of those who have volunteered.

b. Other Potential Funding Sources

Jim Feeney was unable to attend the meeting. He asked to have conveyed that there might be some money available from economic recovery funds.

7. Working Groups

No further activity on working groups.

8. Public Input

Online Survey Update: no additional responses since the last spreadsheet was created.

9. Town Day

The committee would like to have a booth on Mass. Ave. at Town Day. Angela will reserve it and ask ATED if 250 can use its tent. We need promotional materials to distribute. Beth will contact vendors and get estimates for creating a logo.

10. Old Business/New Business

- a. Beth relayed her communication with Jonathan Lane of Revolution 250. He would like to meet with people from Arlington. Beth suggested a Zoom with a few people from the committee. Michael offered to give him a tour of the Jason Russell House.
- b. Michael noted that the Historical Society is interested in re-creating the march of minute companies to Menotomy.
- c. Paul would like the committee to put together a Powerpoint presentation to provide to the State 250 Commission for promotion of Menotomy 250.

11. Future Meeting Dates

The committee selected Wednesday, July 12th at 7 pm for its next meeting. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

Beth made a motion, seconded by Jacob, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.